

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-38 have been allowed. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 9 and 23 has been amended. Claim 9 has simply been amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 23 has simply been amended to address formatting issues. Neither of these amendments alters the scope of these claims. Thus, these claims are entitled to the full scope of equivalents as the original claims. Claims 36-38 are cancelled upon entry of this amendment. These claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants retain the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application. The claims are not canceled for reasons concerning patentability, as evidenced by the fact that the claims are allowed, but instead to focus the claims that issue in this application to the particular subject matter of claims 1-35.

**II. Amendments to Specification**

The section of the application entitled "Cross-References to Related Applications" has been amended simply to incorporate application numbers that were not available at the time the instant application was filed. These amendments introduce no new matter.

**III. Amendment to Drawings**

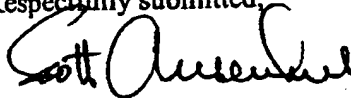
Figure 11D has been amended to correct a typographical error, specifically to change the value listed in the lower right-hand corner from 130.86 to 136.88. This amendment is fully consistent with the description of Fig. 11D on page 10, line 6 of the specification. Thus, this amendment adds no new matter.

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Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures formal matters  
and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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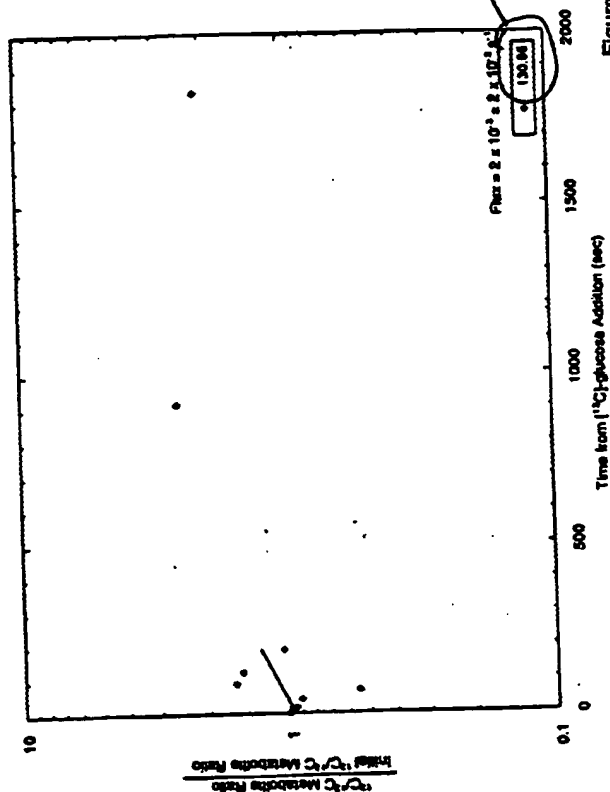
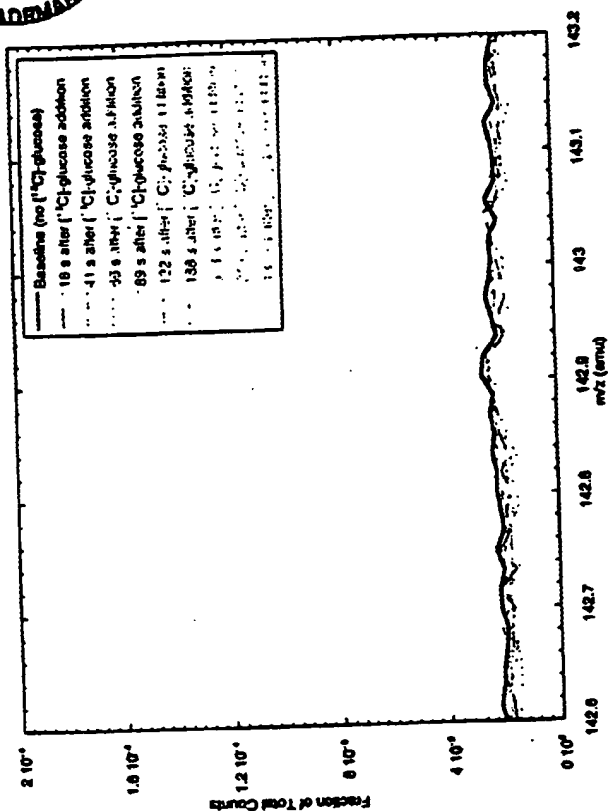


Figure 11

